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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) 114 teachers, Sir.

(b) 103 teachers have been absorbed in various schools. The whereabouts of five teachers are not known. The remaining six teachers did not apply to the officers of the Education Department for absorption in other schools.

S.S. High School, Konapet

* 268 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any representations from the teachers of S.S. High School, Konapet, Tircuhirappalli district, about the notices of termination of their services served in May 1960 ; and

(b) if so, the action or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Cycle-rickshaws

* 269 Q.—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) the number of unlicensed cycle-rickshaws traced in the City of Madras during 1959–60; and

(b) the action, if any, taken against the owners of the unlicensed cycle-rickshaws?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) The number of cases charged against unlicensed cycle-rickshaws traced in the City during 1959 and 1960 are 1,304 and 2,076 respectively.

(b) The owners of those unlicensed cycle-rickshaws were prosecuted in Courts under the Madras Hackney Carriage Act, 1912.

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : Have steps been taken to license them hereafter? I find that they are a great nuisance to the motor drivers. Most of them are inexperienced, and they get into difficulties. Yesterday an accident occurred near my house. I would like the Government to take steps to restore the licences.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Licensing of cycle-rickshaws has been restricted according to the policy that has been settled and we do not want to encourage more of cycle-rickshaws. We do not grant any licences to new cycle-rickshaws to substitute those that go out of work. We do not issue licences to new cycle-rickshaws. Therefore, we cannot license all these new cycle-rickshaws. We can only take action against the plying of these unlicensed cycle-rickshaws.